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People Takes Gay ad; Rejects Safe-Sex One



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The *People Magazine* advertisement expressed the diversity of the lesbian and gay community -- of race, age and style.

by Chris Narloch

"**P**eople" magazine, one of the nation's most popular weekly publications, agreed to run an advertisement designed to fight homophobia in their year-end Dec. 30 double issue. Costing more than \$26,000, the full page ad is believed to be one of the most expensive pro-gay messages of its kind. At the same time

"People" rejected a safe-sex ad featuring a gay couple.

Hoping to dispel negative stereotypes of gays in the media, the pro-gay ad depicts lesbian and gay activists--including Dick Sargent, of "Bewitched" fame--in a people packed photograph that recalls "We Are The World." Sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project, the

national non-profit organization uses the media to educate the public about homosexual issues.

"The photograph really shows the diversity of the lesbian and gay community," said Julie Baron, executive director of the Los Angeles based project. Baron believes that this diversity is a large part of the community's

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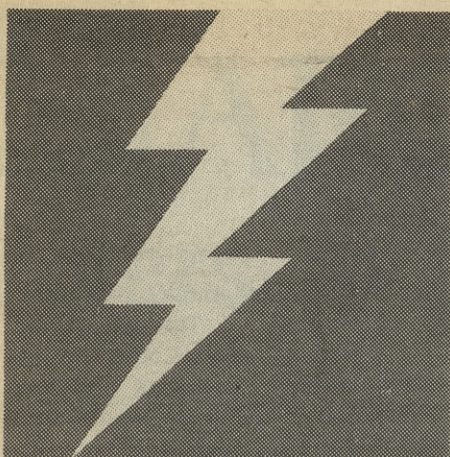


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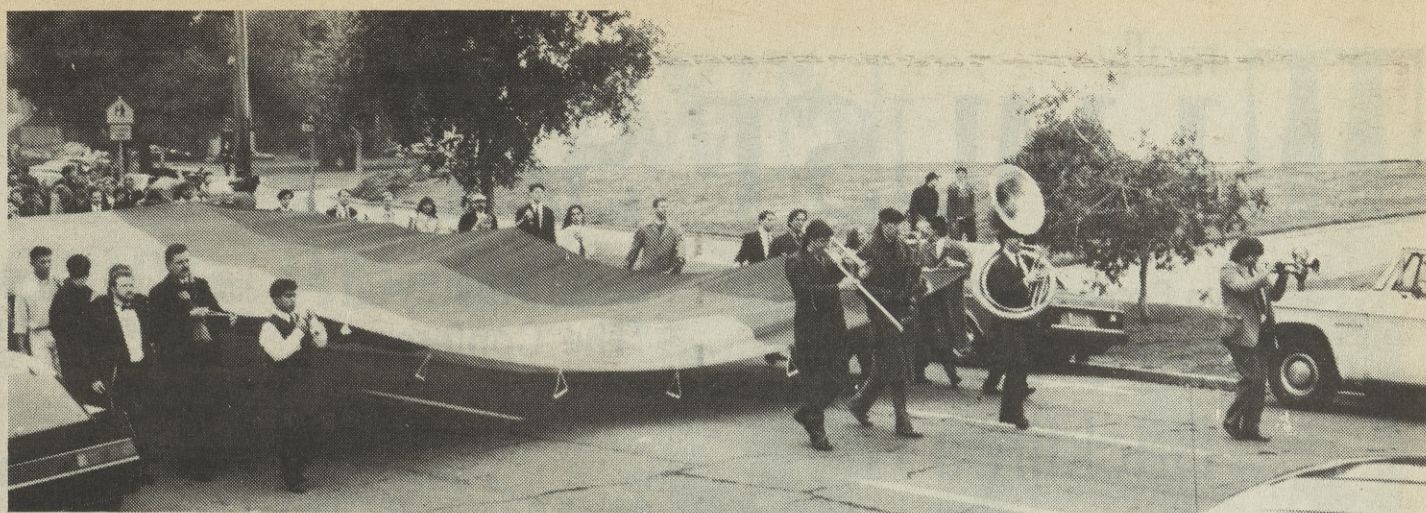
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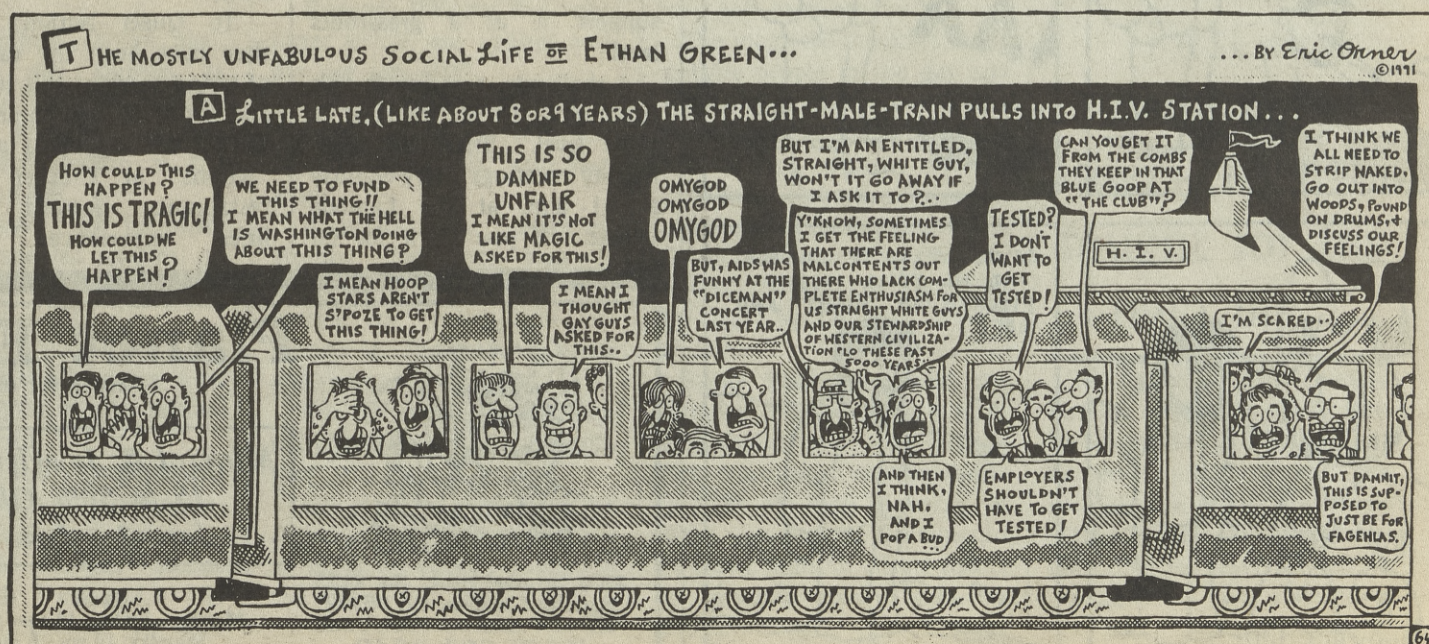
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Union Encourages Gay Lit Paper's Bigotry Backfires

On January 9 *The Union* gave out 75 free passes to the recently released movie, "Fried Green Tomatoes." While publicity stunts are nothing new to "Sacramento's Family Newspaper," giving out tickets to a movie based on a lesbian book certainly is.

Two of the four main characters in "Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" by Fannie Flagg are the lesbian couple who run the local cafe. The same-sex relationship is so central to the novel that the main conflict is about racism in the 1930s, not homosexuality.

A spokesperson at Universal Pictures—which made the movie—said that while two women still ran the cafe, they were not gay.

This isn't surprising, coming from Hollywood.

Hollywood usually cuts out anything gay, whether it's using book or biography to make movies.

It's not surprising that Hollywood would turn a lesbian couple in a novel into heterosexual friends.

What is surprising is that a local newspaper which prides itself on bigotry would encourage people to see a movie made from a gay-positive book. Book sales go up enormously once people see—or hear about—a movie made from the book.

Maybe *The Union* just didn't know it was encouraging people to read a book about a lesbian family.

Maybe *The Union* just didn't do its homework.

We hope that's not the case.

We hope *The Union* is moving into the 21st Century with a new tolerance for all types of families.

Local Apathy at "The Conference"

Dear Editor,

On December 14, 1991 I attended "The Conference," put on by a group of individuals in Sacramento. "The Conference" was planned for several months, and as time went on, enthusiasm by some dwindled. There was little coverage of this event in either of our "community" newspapers, though there were representatives of both, involved at one time or another.

Although some chose to bash "The Conference," it went on as planned, with such people as Keith Clark, noted gay journalist; Karen Massie, Channel 10 reporter; and Jean Harris, well-known San Francisco political activist. These individuals, and many more, provided valuable information regarding the ongoing response to the veto of AB101.

It's a shame that in a county that boasts over 1 million citizens, approximately 100,000 of them lesbian, gay and bisexual, that only a few dozen bothered to show.

My biggest concern is this lack of enthusiasm. There is currently a campaign to put an initiative on the ballot in November which would make it illegal to discriminate in employment, based on one's sexual orientation. This movement is alive and well, but needs all our support and enthusiasm. We will not obtain this protection under the law unless we, as a community come together and support it at a grassroots level.

I challenge everyone in this community to get involved at some level. There are community meetings every Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Lambda Center. If you do it for no

other reason, do it to protect yourself from discrimination.

Sincerely,
Karen Guckert

Love That Paper!

Dear Editor,

Hi! Recently a friend let me have the November copy of your news magazine. I was so thoroughly impressed with the fantastic quality you've all put into it. It was very interesting and quite entertaining.

Your magazine puts the other gay papers to shame here in the Capitol city.

My friend tells me that he picks up a copy when he goes out to the bars (it's free there.) I look forward to the next issue.

Anyway, keep up the good work. Our community needs a strong publication we can go to for news and entertainment. You're a great bunch of very talented people. Thanks for your much valued time.

Have a nice day,
Kwai Romias

Buy Cracker Barrel Stock

Dear Editor,

Early this year Cracker Barrel restaurant chain issued a memo stating the company would not employ people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." It is reported the company has fired at least 17 people on the basis of their sexual orientation since that memo.

To Queer Nation's credit they have been the vanguard of trying to right this injustice and insult to our community. They have organized and led "actions" at Cracker Barrel restaurants, formed picket lines, experienced arrest,

taunts and threats of physical violence. Through Queer Nations efforts other organizations, including religious bodies and trade unions have expressed support.

It is time for individual lesbians and gays across the United States to help in this action to stop employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. It is time for each of us to purchase a (one) share of Cracker Barrel Inc. stock. It is the goal of this writer to have thousands, hundreds of thousands of single share owners of Cracker Barrel stock. This will create some serious problems for the company. It is required to have certain mailings and at present they have a three cent a year dividend, paid quarterly.

This action, on a nationwide basis, will have an impact on the business and political leadership of our country. It is a strong message that gays and lesbians are not going to tolerate continued discrimination based on sexual/affectational orientations.

The "Buy One" campaign can be a remarkable empowerment of our community. It can be a vivid example of our presence and power. (It should be noted the "Buy One" campaign can have the effect of raising the cost of a share of stock but this will be offset by the popular perception of the company being bought up by lesbians and gays.)

Every gay and lesbian person needs to contact their stockbroker at the earliest moment and buy one share of Cracker Barrel Restaurants, Inc. and ask to have the stock certificate sent to them. With some brokerage firms there may be some resistance on the part of the stockbrokers because of the paperwork. Also the charge for processing

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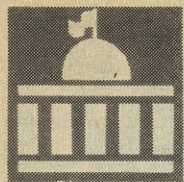
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Voters to Decide AB101?

by Miles Kerley

An AB101 initiative will be on the November '92 ballot if the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Equality (CLGE) can deliver 384,974 valid signatures of registered voters by early April. While the CLGE collects signatures, a debate is raging within the lesbian and gay community whether an initiative which voters could accept or reject--is a good idea.

After the Sept. 29 AB101 veto by Governor Wilson, Lloyd Aubrey, director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) quietly ordered his staff to accept sexual orientation job discrimination cases. Existing state laws are largely

untested but appear to allow a full range of damages, including emotional distress and punitive damages.

Carol Anderson, Southern California chief for CLGE indicated this effort is a trial run to assess the public's

response.

"The problem is that there are about 100,000 petitions state-wide," said Anderson, "San Francisco is doing well, but we don't know about L.A., it's going quite well in Sacramento, close to half the petitions are in already."

DIR's action followed the Oct. 28 ruling by the San Francisco court of appeals which said that private companies could not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. No court in the state had gone this far with sexual orientation discrimination issues until this ruling.

The court ruled that applicants for employment cannot be questioned about their

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A band leads the parade of friends to the reception.

Stan Hadden's

"Final Party"

by Stacy Selmants

Saying "goodbye" is never easy. But over 600 people whose lives Stan Hadden touched assembled on January 10 to bid him farewell, and to remember -- amid tears, laughter, and a hip horn section -- both the man and his achievements.

Hadden, who died on December 2 of AIDS, was hailed for his tremendous impact on state, national, and international AIDS policy, and for his tough tenacity, despite facing overwhelming bureaucratic obstacles.

In the words of his former boss, Senator David Roberti, "He never took 'no' for an answer, not even from me."

The memorial attracted many notable people in the gay and lesbian community, as well as a number of Capitol staffers, lobbyists, and elected officials, including Roberti, Assembly-member Phil Isenberg, and City Council Member Kim Mueller. Musical selections were provided by the Sacramento Men's Chorus.

Sandy Pomerantz, who co-founded the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and who retired from his medical practice shortly after his own diagnosis of AIDS, returned to Sacramento to thank Stan for all his efforts to improve patient care for people with HIV.

"He made it easier for us to live with AIDS, and hopefully one day not to die of AIDS."

Possibly the most poignant speech was given by Dr. Neil Flynn, Director of the CARES clinic, who eloquently described working closely with Stan to develop model patient care programs.

"First he fought for others, then he fought for his own life."

"He had such great courage. First he fought for others, then he fought for his own life. And he never pitied himself. But don't get me wrong," Flynn said with a twinkle, "He DID complain. But he never blamed his caregivers for our inability to

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QN Takes on Churches

by Dell Richards

Queer Nation (QN) members began a campaign to make local churches accountable for anti-gay remarks by their pastors when it started picketing a local Baptist church this past month.

According to QN member Corrie Barbero, a particularly offensive article in the Nov. 23 *Sacramento Bee* by the minister of Sacramento's First Baptist Church was the final straw.

"It was a really inflammatory article," said Barbero.

Among other things, the article pushed abstinence from drugs and sex as the only way to stop the spread of AIDS.

"The only safe sex is abstinence," wrote Pastor Robert Murphy in the editorial.

While Murphy is entitled to his opinion, he went on to say that AB101 -- the gay job rights bill -- endorsed the "spread of AIDS producing behavior among the male population of the gay community."

"They are using everything they have to bash us and not having any accountability for

it," said QN's Karen Guckert.

"It's time to make them answer to us."

On Dec. 22, QN members did just that by holding a peaceful protest outside the church.

QN members carried placards with gay slogans as people were going to Sunday morning church services. They chanted slogans as the congregation left.

Since then, QN members also have sprayed slogans on the sidewalk and put stickers on the church sign.

"People plastered the church and the marquee with stickers," QN's Nicole Wilkerson confirmed.

"Some also spray-painted messages such as 'Homophobia Kills' on the sidewalk."

Although Murphy stands behind his editorial, the church congregation has been

somewhat taken aback by the action.

According to Jim Sweeney, minister of music, the church wants to be supportive of people with AIDS.

In the past, the church allowed its building to be used for an office by the AIDS Action League and for concerts to raise money for Hope House.

"As a congregation, we have been tolerant," said Sweeney. "And we have attempted to be helpful."

Sweeney thought the newspaper article was neither anti-gay nor anti-AIDS.

"It's unfortunate some members of the gay community felt singled out," said Sweeney.

According to Sweeney, Murphy does not plan to apologize even though it is costing the church time and money to clean the sidewalk and marquee.

For QN members, the Baptist church was just the beginning.

QN plans to monitor other churches and hopes to have an effect on church politics in the future.

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MCC Feeds Over 3000 People

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, River City Metropolitan Community Church and Loaves & Fishes, fed more than 3,000 people at the church. Meals also were provided to homes and to members in need.

Clothing for 12 children and a mound of toys also was distributed. Although the church has never been faced with a greater struggle to meet pressing social needs, it has never seen such an outpouring of community help. Forty members of Congregation Beth Shalom served Christmas dinners. Neighboring Afro-American churches and two members of Capital Christian Center also helped. The Mercantile Saloon also provided food, gift certificates and toys.

AIDS Foundation Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are desperately needed at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF). Hand to Hand volunteers may want to consider returning in another capacity. The new "diversity committee" recently established at SAF encourages people of color to volunteer. Often clients may feel more comfortable with a person more closely identified with his or her personal background and culture.

Volunteers may become a Hand to Hand "Phone Buddy" who checks in with clients periodically to meet specific needs ranging from reminders to take medications to simply chatting about their health or listening to problems they may be encountering with medications or finances. Clients never

meet their "Phone Buddy," but this telephone friendship is provides a valuable service to them and fills a special place in their lives.

Volunteers may also choose to become a Hand to Hand Support Volunteer. In this case the client and the volunteer spend time with one another and often become close friends. Together they share laughter, tears and triumphs.

Consider giving the gift of yourself. Call SAF at 448-2437, or visit them at 920 20th Street. You may find that in volunteering yourself, you receive back so much more than you give.

Lavender Angels Offer Their Service

The Lavender Angels, Sacramento's gay neighborhood watch, have adjusted their patrol pro-

cedures in order to offer an additional service.

For the past eight months, the Lavender Angels have been patrolling the Lavender Heights bar area surrounding 20th and K Streets. They have concentrated their efforts on Friday and Saturday nights because of the high incidence of hate crimes on those nights.

The Angels are now going to patrol only one night per week. They will alternate their patrols between Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Nights.

If your organization is having an event you would like patrolled by the Lavender Angels, call 442-4741 or 441-0156 at least one month prior to your event. The Angels will patrol the area around your event and escort people attending safely to their vehicles.

This is a free service to the gay and lesbian community.

Gay Veteran Film Now Available

The one-hour film "Tribute to Lesbians & Gays in the Military" that was made at the Vietnam Memorial in November is now available.

Those who have seen this film have found it a moving emotional experience, touching not only the military experience, but the basic right of lesbians and gays everywhere to live under a banner of freedom.

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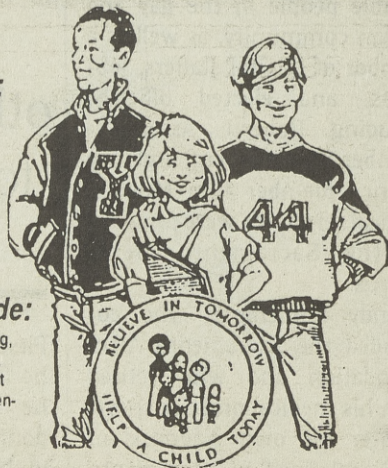
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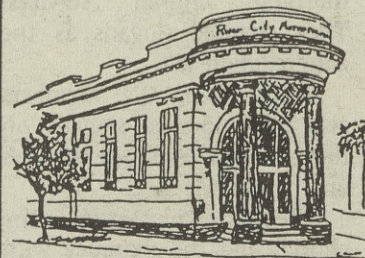


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San Diego Murders Spark Protest, Local Patrol

by Dell Richards

San Diego gays are questioning local police response to a spate of murders which the community feels are gay-related.

Three men have been stabbed to death at a local gay cruising spot in the past two months; four others were stabbed in the past year. Of the four, only two survived.

In addition, there have been 51 attacks in the gay district since July. Many of them have included robbery as well as assault. Activists are angry that police are not labeling the attacks hate crimes unless epithets such as "faggot" are included in the attack.

Most of the attacks have taken place near gay bars and most of the victims -- including two lesbians -- are gay, or seen as such.

On December 22, the community began to take action, holding a candlelight vigil through the gay district of San Diego and forming a

Citizens Patrol group to provide neighborhood watch. Forty people already have joined the citizens group.

The murder that finally sparked the protest was of a 17-year-old high school student who -- though he was walking in the Hillcrest district with a male friend -- was apparently not gay.

San Diego residents fear a serial killer may be at work.

Police discount this theory, even though many of the murders took place within a two-block radius and were the result of multiple stab wounds.

Two sailors have been arrested in connection with at least one of the murders after they bragged about killing Michael Hamilton, 60.

Although Hamilton was killed in the same area, it is not known whether he was gay. The park where most of the stabbings took place is a popular hang-out not only for gay men but also transients and male prostitutes.

Like the murder rate across much of the country, San Diego's count is at an all-time high of 182 this past year.

Even with more than 50 attacks reported since July, Karen Marshall, San Diego's Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center administrator, thinks that hate crimes are

underreported.

Although police will not say if they think the killings are related, they are using a strict definition of hate crimes.

In hopes of reducing the chance of becoming a victim, police are offering self-defense classes to the local gay community.

Being aware of one's surroundings, especially when leaving a bar or walking in a dimly lit area, are one of the safety factors being emphasized.

Police also have increased patrols in the local area.

John Hartley of the City Council has offered an \$8,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attackers.

Seattle Elects Ethnic Lesbian

Sherry Harris, Seattle Washington's newly-elected City Council member, made history on several fronts following her sweeping Nov. 5 victory.

Harris, who garnered 66 percent of the vote has become the nation's first openly lesbian, African-American elected official.

She is the first black woman elected to Seattle's City Council, and the first publically known lesbian elected to any office in Washington state.

"It feels great. We ran an effective, grassroots campaign and addressed a lot of important concerns. My sexual orientation seemed to be an issue with the media, but not at all with the public," explained Harris, a US West



Sherry Harris.

engineer and longtime feminist activist. "I think my victory

proves that we can run and win on our credentials, yet still be honest about who we are."

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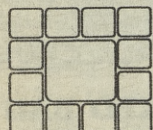
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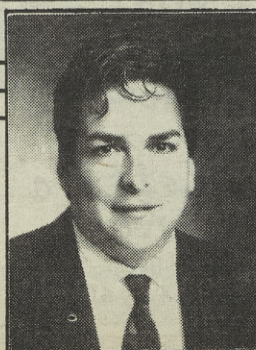
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Recent Court Cases Eroding Civil Rights

by Scott Farrell

The outcome of several pending court cases could erode civil rights in the future. Two cases that have not gotten much publicity until now because they do not seem to have an impact on the gay and lesbian community. But they do.

On closer inspection, labor code and municipal protections are being challenged by the right in an attempt to undermine the hard-won freedoms of the gay community.

One of these cases, *Delaney vs. Superior Fast Freight*, sent a shockwave throughout the legal community.

Jim Delaney -- after suffering constant sexual harassment on the job for more than ten years -- suffered a breakdown which led to his termination.

"The accusations made dur-

ing the Anita Hill and Clarence Thomas hearings were paltry compared to what this man had to put up with," said Thomas F. Coleman, an attorney with the Family Diversity Project, who represents Delaney.

The seriousness of this case isn't found in Mr. Delaney's testimony but in Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Diane Wayne's dismissal. In a shocking ruling she decided that the City of Los Angeles did not have the right to pass a law prohibiting employment discrimination against lesbians and gays.

If upheld, the decision could invalidate 16 existing local civil rights ordinances -- including one in Sacramento and Davis -- that protect the gay community.

Of the several relevant cases, including similar cases in Illinois, Minnesota and Florida, the recent case of *Donahues vs. Fair Housing Commission* may open the floodgates of sexual and religious hatred.

"Bigoted people perpetuating bigotry through religion"

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The editorial deadline for our next issue is February 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by February 5th.

lawyer Thomas Coleman called them.

In this case an unmarried couple, Verna Terry and Robert Wilder, tried to rent an apartment from the Donahues. The Donahues refused to rent them the apartment because they said it would violate their religion to allow sin to occur on their property. This religious exemption could lead to the dismantling of the civil rights of a wide range of individuals including gays who,

by definition, are not allowed many.

According to Coleman, Fundamentalists have become confident in the wake of the AB101 gay job rights bill veto.

They are pressing for the repeal of existing legal protections as well as discriminatory ordinances. They recently won an anti-gay rights ordinance that was passed by voters in Concord.

Court cases across the nation point to an attempt by

right-wing religious groups to dismantle existing civil rights, fair housing and labor codes for all but a few.

Thomas F. Coleman believes that "all the dust will settle in a couple of years and we will know exactly where we stand."

In the meantime, the gay community could find the years of activism that had led to a modicum of civil rights protection quickly being eaten away.

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religious beliefs or other personal matters that cannot be proved necessary to job performance. In essence, state labor laws prohibit a private employer from discriminating against an employee based upon his or her sexual orientation.

If Wilson had signed AB101, prosecution of violation would have only been civil cases with civil penalties. Now, any employer, regardless of size or religious affiliation, that violates the labor code faces civil as well as criminal penalties with fines up to \$5,000.

DIR had been accepting claims of hiring or employment discrimination based upon sexual orientation since Oct. 30, 1991. In the past, DIR had handled a limited number of sexual orientation discrimination claims. Only those involving "overt political activity" have made it to administrative hearing level.

Currently, DIR is in the process of training investigators and field officers how to handle sexual orientation cases because of the sensitive nature of the issues involved.

Many gay and lesbian rights advocates think that any advance is good. However, there is an indication that this action may not grant enough protection in days to come.

Rand Martin, assistant to Assemblymember Terry Friedman, who introduced AB101, indicated that Friedman does not have a position on the initiative. However, Martin is against the initiative. He felt that if the initiative failed on the ballot, it could cause a backlash to the gay and lesbian community.

"I don't think the initiative is needed. It is an undue cost to the public of approximately \$3 - 4 million not wisely spent."

"A more realistic alternative would be to reintroduce AB101 with new language. This initiative has been drafted in the heat of anger over the governor's veto."

"It should go through the legislature as a responsible step," said Martin. "What if the initiative fails to pass? This could be an indication to any political person that it was not the will of the people to have gay and lesbian equality."

"If the initiative fails, no

legislator would dream of introducing it again as legislation."

Although DIR policy of accepting sexual orientation job discrimination cases gives broader coverage than AB101, there is concern that the new procedure is only a departmental policy which could be overturned at any time. It does not permanently solve the problem of sexual orientation discrimination but offers only a temporary solution. That's why the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality's director, Laurie McBride thinks gays need to use every avenue they can take.

"Both legislative effort and grassroots statewide initiative are extremely important," said McBride.

"We're responsible working adults who want to know that the state of California values our contributions."

Like many gays, she feels betrayed by the political process.

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Women Die Faster, Research Ignores Plight

Women who contract AIDS die faster than men, but most research into the deadly disease excludes women, a Yale University study found.

The study by Judith Rodin, professor of medicine and psychiatry, and her colleague, Jeanette Ickovics, found women die 20 percent sooner than men once the first AIDS symptoms begin appearing.

The study also found women are 12 times more likely than men to be infected during heterosexual intercourse with an HIV-positive partner.

The findings suggest that more medical and research attention must be focused on women infected with the HIV. Yet women have been noticeably absent from most AIDS studies, Ickovics said.

"We're trying to draw research attention to women and AIDS. Women have been excluded from most studies," Ickovics said. "We're calling attention to the forgotten epidemic (among women)."

Rodin and Ickovics, associate research scientists in psychology, spent six months reviewing more than 200 research articles prepared by scientists from around the country. They compiled their findings from the mosaic of results.

The two said their review is the most comprehensive examination of research into AIDS and women yet.

"We're calling attention to the forgotten epidemic."

They said relatively little is known about the course of AIDS in women, and that researchers could not explain why women are likely to die from the disease more rapidly than men. Possible reasons, Rodin and Ickovics said, are that often the first symptoms in women are vaginal infections that may go undiagnosed for a long time.

Women may also wait longer than men to seek treatment after finding they are infected, because the women tend to be poor and lack ready

access to health care, Ickovics said.

Among people with AIDS, there are still nearly 10 times as many men with AIDS than women in the United States, but the gap is quickly closing, the Yale study found. In 1989, about 10,000 women were diagnosed with AIDS in the United States. As of Sept. 30, 1991, the number increased almost 100 percent to 19,796 - about half caught AIDS through heterosexual intercourse, the study found.

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The University of Florida

Sets Up AIDS Institute

The University of Florida has set up an institute to help fight AIDS with plans to not only conduct research on the deadly disease but also provide educational programs.

More than 300 faculty and staff members will participate in the multi-disciplinary effort, which ranges from fine arts to medicine and law. The institute will mount a multi-pronged attack on AIDS by addressing its economical, medical, legal and ethical angles, officials said. The college described the institute as the country's first university-wide program to tackle a disease that has already infected 10 million people worldwide.

"No other university has developed as comprehensive a university-wide program to deal with HIV and AIDS -- it's something quite unique," said Dr. Leighton E. Cluff. He is chairman of the institute's advisory committee and former president of the Robert Wood

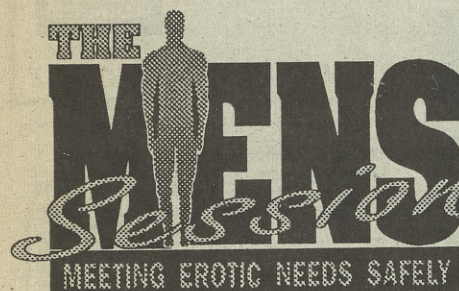
Johnson Foundation, the world's largest private health care philanthropy.

The institute will develop educational programs to research AIDS and to encourage people to change risky behavior. It also will train health-care providers, develop innovative methods of care for people living with HIV infection and AIDS and conduct medical, social, behavioral and public policy research, organizers said.

UF's Athletic Association donated \$30,000 to cover initial setup costs for UF's Institute for AIDS Research and Education, Provost Andrew Sorensen said. An additional \$30,000 has been given to the institute through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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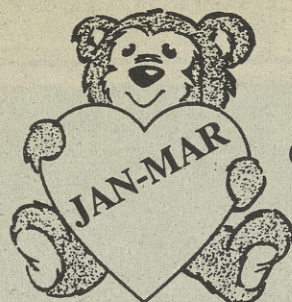
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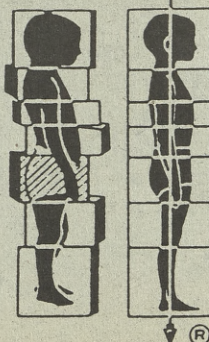
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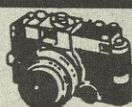
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cure his disease." Flynn also described Stan's caring response to his decision to recognize his own homosexual orientation.

"He was always there for me, and would tell me 'Trust me. There is a tomorrow for you. You are not alone.'"

Flynn did provoke some laughter when recalled, "However, I think he was slightly disappointed that I was gay, because he had appointed me to the AIDS Foundation Board as a straight member!"

And Flynn marvelled at Hadden's refusal to hate the people who tried to thwart his fight against AIDS. "He taught me that if you laugh at your oppressors, you have a power that cannot be diminished."

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Allan Shore, a long time friend of Hadden's confided later, "Stan did write one last memo. All of the people who flew in for this event were rerouted to Oakland because of the fog. But somehow, the plane his family was on was able to land. We're all sure that he somehow sent his instructions -- in a memo -- for the fog to lift long enough for his family's plane to get in."

The service concluded with a lone bagpiper wailing "Amazing Grace," outside the church, joined a Dixieland brass ensemble, who launched into "When the Saints Go Marching In," as the crowd followed an enormous rainbow flag down L Street to the reception, where his friends attended "Stan Hadden's Last Party," and toasted his spirit.

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Surgeon General Embraces ACT UP

US. Surgeon General Antonia Novello, the nation's chief medical officer, told ACT UP/D.C. Nov. 14 that if she were HIV-positive, she would join ACT UP, the group reported. Novello met with eight members for more than an hour. She also pledged to "become a thorn" in the administration's side over safer-sex education because "this is something I have to do," ACT UP said, Novello also said she "hate[s]" the phrase "innocent victims," which is often used in reference to people who contract HIV other than through gay sex or sharing dirty needles. ACT UP said it was "both surprised and pleased" with Novello's willingness to meet with them and "advocate for stronger AIDS leadership in the federal government."

Frontiers

NEA Gets Senate OK For Gay Art

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Senate stunned Sen. Jesse Helms with a 73-25 vote to table a motion he sponsored that would have prevented the use of National Endowment for the Arts funds for gay film festivals, gay and lesbian artists, and sexually-oriented material in general. It was the ninth time in two years that Helms has tried to restrict the use of NEA funding for homoerotic works.

Just Out

Rights Ordinance OK in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans City Council voted 5-2 Dec. 12 to approve an ordinance making it illegal to discriminate

on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment and public accommodation.

"I oppose discrimination in all forms because it's wrong, wrong, wrong," Councilwoman Dorothy Mae Taylor said in supporting the measure by Councilman Johnny Jackson. "As a lawmaker, my job is to make the wrongs rights."

Gay/lesbian-rights leaders told the council most homosexuals in New Orleans feel they have been discriminated against. The ordinance amends the city's civil-rights ordinance, which already prohibited discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin and ancestry. The new ordinance also prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, age, marital status, creed, sexual orientation and handicap.

The council twice before -- in 1984 and 1986 -- rejected similar proposals. New Orleans is now among 29 American cities that have such laws.

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Magic Says: No Gay Sex

GEORGIA - Statistics released by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta indicate that less than one percent of persons with AIDS in the U.S. have been infected with HIV the way Magic Johnson says he was infected, from intercourse with a woman. These statistics have fueled widespread speculation that Johnson may have had gay sex, which the former L.A. Lakers superstar vehemently denies.

Just Out

No Military Recruiters

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - The Rochester school board has voted to ban military recruiters from city high schools because of the military's policy against admitting lesbians and gays.

Pentagon spokesman Jim Turner said Dec. 6 he did not know of any other school district in the nation that bar military recruiters. The board voted 5-2 Dec. 5 to ban recruiters from high schools if their organizations have discriminatory policies.

"To me, this is a civil-rights issue," said board member Karen Grella. "We need to say something about discrimination in this country."

Outlines

AIDS Group Gets Mercury's Money

BURBANK, Calif. Profits from a record by Freddie Mercury, lead singer of Queen who died of complications of AIDS, will be donated to the Magic Johnson Foundation.

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RUMOR HAS IT

The staff of latest ISSUE wants the entire community to come and celebrate our new office Jan. 24 at 709 28th Street. The event is scheduled between 5 - 8 p.m. and everyone is welcome. (However, other newspaper employees may be randomly searched. Michael Gorman came over unexpectedly and was frisked by a few of the burly latest ISSUE staff men. He was surprised, but he left with a smile on his face.)

The women of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC) are planning to put the smile back on your face at a Post Holiday Syndrome Recovery Dance Jan. 31 at the Tuesday Club. Dances and social events are just a small part of this group's agenda.

Local Queer Nation members have been targeting local homophobes with protests and counter demonstrations. It is great to see that the Queer

Agenda continues and is alive and well in Sacramento. Watch for upcoming demos to commemorate the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade -- it is sure to bring out the Operation Rescue hypocrites.

Rumor Has It, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence of San Francisco are going to be recruiting concerned people for a "Holy War." First target -- Sacramento's own Capitol Christian (Nazi) Center out in Rancho Cordova. Just picture it, hundreds of "Sisters" filling the pews and making descriptive confessions. Not a pretty picture, but a hoot!

Another "scary" picture is this one of Rand Martin in drag in the Davis Musical Theater production of "LaCage Aux Folles." Rumor has it, the play is great.

Another "must see" show to catch this month is the fabulous Jim Bailey at Garbeau's Dinner Theater. The series of performances are scheduled for



Rand Martin looking pretty in "LaCage Aux Folles."

Jan. 17, 18, 20 & 21 and are a benefit for Heartstrings. Bailey's impersonations of Barbara Striesand and Judy Garland reportedly leave you feeling like you've seen the real thing.

I don't know if this next bit of gossip is the real thing or not but it is just so fun cruising into lesbian/gay hair salons and listening to the dish. Is it true that Martina Navratilova is now seeing Kathleen Sullivan? Well that's the word from Wham! I love celebrity dish!

Non-celebrity dish is often just as good though. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation is always good for a few lines. It seems the board didn't choose Patty Blomberg or any of the other competent candidates for the vacant executive director position so they are again

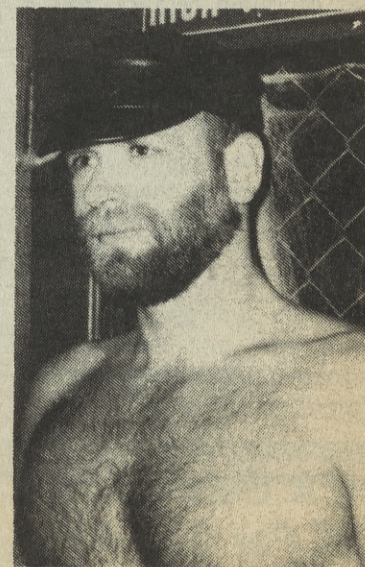
requesting that new applicants apply. According to an anonymous source close to the Foundation, SAF will become the next best thing to the Employment Development Department when it comes to job vacancies. Patty is resigning her position and others are soon to follow.

The River City Democratic Club hopes their new advertising campaign will have some disenfranchised lesbian and gay Republicans changing their allegiance by pointing out the failures of the GOP on gay rights issues. Good luck, you're going to need it.

Another group with Republicans and Democrats on the brain is the gang at CAPPAC (Capitol Political Action Committee). Plans are already being made for the 1992 CAPPAC Dinner where the main goal is to raise lots of gay money to motivate candidates into doing the right thing. Kevin Cohee, of the latest ISSUE is in charge of selling ads for the CAPPAC program this year. Also, Kevin is having a birthday this month. . . old, but still very loveable. Other

birthdays celebrated in January and February are those of Karen Jay, London Rankin, Steve Rozelle and Tom Romanotto. All very HOT people.

Hot is the word for all of the upcoming leather events in Sacramento. First up is Ms. Sacramento Leather Contest Feb. 1st at Joseph's Town and Country. Screaming women, dressed in tight leather with chains. Too much fun. . . aren't you glad you live in California!?!

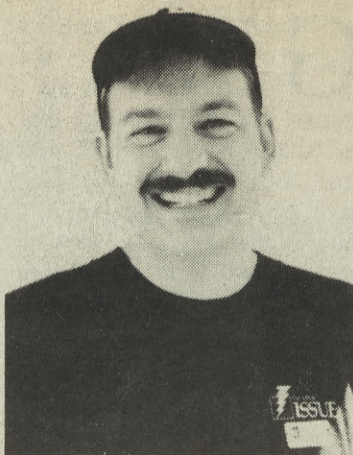


Mr. Leather, Wes Patterson.

The leather event for men this month is the Central Valley Leather Daddy, Leather Daddy's Boy Contest at the Wreck Room Feb. 16. You can be sure that Mr. Leather Sacramento, Wes Patterson, will be there for the Central Valley's hottest contest ever. (Maybe, if your lover will let you out of the house that night!)

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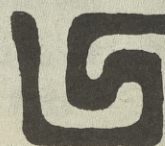
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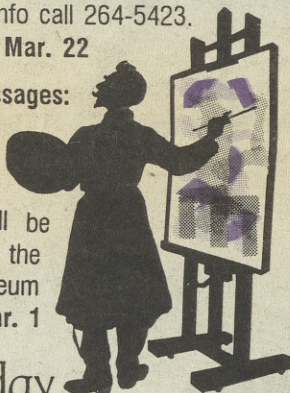


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THURSDAYS

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Women's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center from 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more info call 442-0185.

Being Alive Living Room, HIV+ support group from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Lambda Center. For more info call 442-0185.

GLAS (Gay & Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento) meets at 8 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the Student Union, CSUS. For more info call 429-1360.

17 friday

The Sacramento Peace Center will hold an event celebrating the release of **Even My Dog Doesn't Want This War**, a collection of memories and reflections on the Gulf War. For more info call 446-0787.



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Jim Bailey at Garbeau's Dinner Theater in a benefit performance for Heartstrings. For tickets call 985-6361.

Jan. 17 & 18

FRIDAYS

Cafe' Lambda gay / lesbian coffee house featuring selected coffees, desserts and occasional live entertainment. 8 p.m. - midnight at the Lambda Center. For more info call 442-0185.



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18 saturday

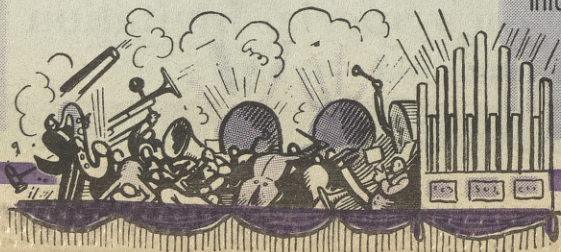
Greater Sacramento Area Couples at the Lambda Center, 6 p.m. call 726-3661.

Linda Snook, in a Cabaret performance at 10 p.m. at the Town House. 441-5122.

The Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street Mall, will be showing **Alien and Alien II** at 1 & 7 p.m. For more info call 442-7378.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Symphony Gospel Spectacular at the Community Center Theatre. call 649-0300. Jan. 19 & 20



SUNDAYS

Gay Families; a support group for gay men and lesbians with children and those considering parenthood. 4th Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 8391 Folsom Blvd. For more info call 387-8862.

Tea Dance at FACES 3 - 7 p.m. with a barbecue at 5 p.m. and country/western dancing at 7 p.m.

Christian Community Fellowship meets in the community meeting room at the Wreck Room at 2 p.m. For info call 731-7260.

20 monday

Jim Bailey at Garbeau's Dinner Theater in a benefit performance for Heartstrings.

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MONDAYS

Women's Rap & Social at the Lambda Center, 7 - 9 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

Men's Coming Out Group at the Lambda Center from 5:30 - 7 p.m. call 442-0185.

The Sacramento **Lesbian & Gay Town Council** meets the 2nd Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 7th & H Streets. For more info call 448-0422.

Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian & Gay concerns meets the first Monday of each month at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way. For more info call 489-2340.

Stop Smoking a drop-in, self-help program at the Lambda Center at 5:30 p.m. For info call 442-0185.



The Sacramento Chapter of Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays will show the video **"Common Threads"** the story of the Names Project Quilt at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church located at 2391 St. Mark's Way. For info call 665-1050.



The Dance Theatre of Harlem sponsored by UC Davis presents will perform in the Sacramento Community Center Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 - \$32 and are available at BASS/TM outlets, 923-2277.

Jan. 21 - 23

Frank LaPena: A Retrospective of his paintings, prints and sculptures will be on display at the newly renovated Hart Hall in the C.N. Gorman Museum on the UC Davis campus. For more info call 752-9841.

Jan. 21 - Mar. 8

Recent Acquisitions, a design exhibition featuring toys, costumes and textiles will be on display at the Design Gallery at the UC Davis Campus. For more info call 752-9841.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 21



TUESDAYS

Heart to Heart a mens discussion group at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St., 6:30 - 8 p.m. call 448-2437.

Being Gay Today 10 p.m. on cable 18. One hour of lesbian and gay programming from around the country and beyond.

Gay & Lesbian Student Union meets in Rm. A-7, Sacramento City College at 12 noon. For more info call 381-7141.

24 friday

Dale Scholl Dance/Art presents: **"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look At 20th Century Popular American Dance."** Performances are at 24th Street Theatre in the Sierra 2 Center for the Arts, 2791 24th St. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 student/senior and \$5 child (12 years and under). For info call 483-4017.

Jan. 24 - Feb. 2 (weekends)



29 wednesday

Lesbian comic **Lea DeLaria** in her new solo comedy **"butch-femmelezziedykefag"** 8 p.m. at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St. in San Francisco. Tickets are \$10. For more info call (415) 861-7933.



Jan 29 - Feb 9

31 friday

Earth Kitt will be performing at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. For more info call 649-0300.

Jan. 31 & Feb. 1

Recover from the **Post Holiday Syndrome** at a dance sponsored by SLCC (Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change) at the Tuesday Club, 27th & L Streets. Social hour from 8 - 9 p.m., dance from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. with music by Joey. \$5 members, \$8 non-members.

For more info call 448-3130.



February



1 saturday

The Crest Theatre presents **An Evening of Comedy With David Allen Grier**, best known for his role on In Living Color's "Men on Film." Show time is 8 p.m. For info call 442-7378.

Sacramento Leather Association present the **Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather Contest** at Joseph's Town & Country at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door, proceeds go to Hope House and WEAVE. For info call Wayne at 391-8326 or Jana at 988-0920.



"Over Our Heads", a four-woman comedy improv and musical troupe from the Bay Area will perform in Modesto. Presented by BACW, Central Valley, 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets: BACW & SACWN members \$8 in advance, \$10 non-members in advance, \$12 all at the door. Call (209) 527-8237 for information.



Depression Glass Club presents a Glass and Pottery Show and sale. Call (916) 274-0911.

Feb. 1 & 2

10 monday

The Sacramento **Lesbian & Gay Town Council** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 7th & H Streets. For more info call 448-0422.



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11 tuesday



Music Circus presents **Greater Tuna**, at the 24th Street Theater. Tickets are: \$21 - \$28 available at the Music Circus Box Office, 1419 H St. For more info call 557-1999.

Feb. 11 - Apr. 5

14 friday

Valentine's Day!



Ernie & Jerry present **"Love Or Lust"** week end in San Diego, 2 nights, 3 days at the Radisson Harbor View Hotel, \$145 per person. For more info call Ernie at the Merc or at 447-0896.

15 saturday



Valentines Erotica Ball, a benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation will be at Capitol Plaza Halls

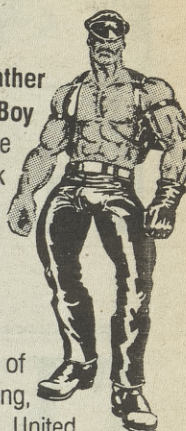
Fraternity Room, 1025 9th St. Costume or Formal Attire, Music by Joey. \$30 per person, \$50 per couple, tickets are available at Lioness Books. Must be 18 years or older, ID required. For more info call 457-5830.



16 sunday

Affirmation, (United Methodists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns) will be hosting a pot luck dinner at 7 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H St. Bring a dish to share and come meet us. For more info call 489-2340.

The Central Valley **Leather Daddy/ Daddy's Boy** Contest will be held at the Wreck Room at 10:30 p.m. Free admission.



18 tuesday

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meeting, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way. The topic of discussion will be **"How Religious Organizations are Dealing with Homosexuality and AIDS."** For more info call 665-1050.

22 saturday

National Entertainment presents the **Winter Bluegrass Festival** at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive Lake Merritt in Oakland. For tickets and information call (415) 285-0339.



Feb. 22 & 23

29 saturday

The Sacramento **Travel Fair World Tour '92** at the Sacramento Community Convention Center. Open to travel agents from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and to the public from 1 - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.



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ENTERTAINMENT

La Cage Aux Folles Flies Thru Feb. 9

by Chris Narloch

"**L**a Cage Aux Folles" (Birds of a Feather) is back in town, at the Davis Musical Theater Company--and fans of this unique play won't be disappointed.

The classic farce, with music and lyrics by Jerry Herman from a book by Harvey Fierstein, has been given an energetic production by the Davis Company, which runs through February 9th.

"La Cage" is the story of a gay couple that is forced to masquerade as husband and wife for the sake of the mar-

riage of a son to the daughter of a stuffy bureaucrat. Complications--and hilarity--ensue: Albin also is the notorious ZaZa queen of queens in a French nightclub called "La Cage Aux Folles."

The lasting appeal of the play, aside from its endless stream of visual and verbal jokes, is in the relationship

between the two men--lovers of twenty years who act just as crazy as, well, a straight couple. As played by Joe Alkire and Rand Martin, Georges and Albin are given spirited performances that reminded me of the leads in the French film version. (Martin even resembles Michel Serrault in drag.)

For the most part, the musical takes place in the club where Albin performs and the couple's adjoining apartment. Neon lights are enough to suggest a drag club in the Davis production because Martin's ZaZa and her "Cagelles" (back-up "birds") do a fine job of singing and dancing. The rousing can-can number performed by the "cagelles" is the highlight.

The singing honors go to Joe Alkire, who offers a touching "Song on the Sand," and to Michael C. Cross who is very effective as Georges' son, Jean-Michel. The acting is strong throughout. Carl T. Boatright is an audience favorite with the scene-stealing role of Jacob--the couple's gay butler--who insists on dressing



Rand Martin's performance in "LaCage" is very funny.

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(and being addressed) as the "maid."

The role of Albin--an aging drag queen--is what holds the show together. Rand Martin has found the right notes in a complex character who is, by turns, petty and insecure but very, very funny. When ZaZa sings "I Am What I Am" at the end of Act One, it's both tragic and triumphant.

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STC Puts on a Gay Play

by Chris Gerald

Fifty years ago, it started as a small troupe of community actors performing for an Air Force base.

From there, it grew and prospered until it settled into its present home on H Street in 1949.

In 1984 it became the Sacramento Theatre Company (STC).

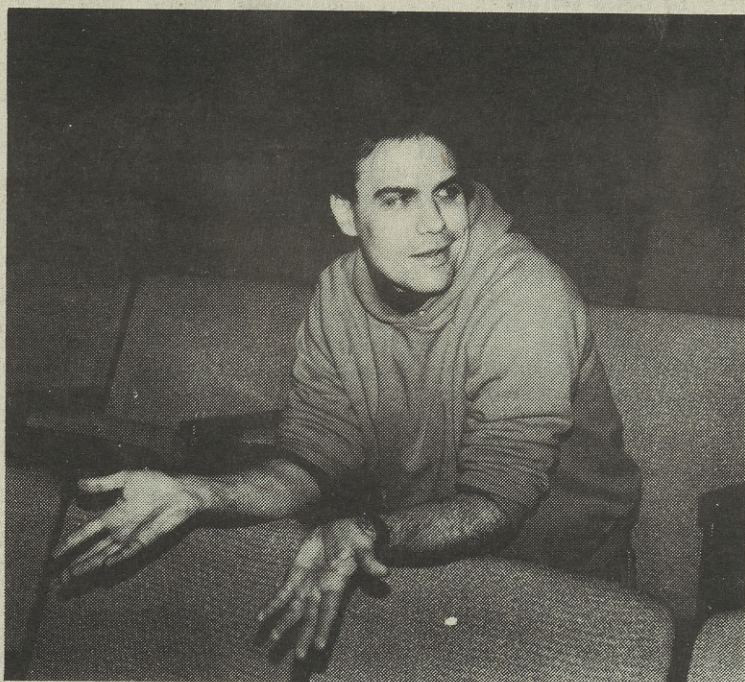
In honor of its 50th anniversary season, STC is taking a "tour through the decades." The play of interest to gays is "Fifth of July."

From January 24 through February 16, the company examines the rise of openly gay lifestyles in the 1970's by presenting Lanford Wilson's "Fifth of July."

It is 1977, two years after the fall of Saigon, a time when the nation must try to heal itself. But first the healing must start with Ken Talley, a Vietnam vet returning home with a permanent reminder of the war.

An eight character ensemble, gay especially will enjoy one of the main characters, Ken's lover Jed. According to stage director Tim Ocel, STC's Associate Artistic Director, "Fifth of July" is one of the first plays that deals with gay characters in a non-issue manner.

"Two guys being gay is not the issue," said Ocel. "Their



STC's stage director, Tim Ocel.


being gay is not important." Ultimately the play centers on how we pick families and "taking whatever life dishes out and to go on and be positive."

Ocel sees the role of STC as one that "should be related to the community, it's actually for the community. If it doesn't connect to us living here, then it is being done in a vacuum." "The gay community needs to know that there are gay people working in this theatre and that they can connect to this theater company," said Ocel. "We do have something to say about the issues that press gays."

"One of the things that seems lacking in the audience here is the support of the gay community," said Ocel. "I

know many of our subscribers are gay, but at the same time, I've met so many people in the gay community who have no idea that we are here." Ocel also worries that STC might be confused with their neighbors and box office partners, Music Circus.

"Maybe coming from a city like Minneapolis or Baltimore being a part of those gay communities...Those people are more in tune with what's happening in the theatre world. They go to the theatre and it's very much discussed."

"That's what you talk about there, the theatre and the opera. I don't see that happening here but I would like that to happen." With Ocel's help and 50 years under its belt, maybe now it can. 



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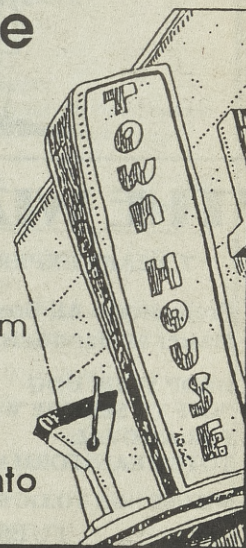
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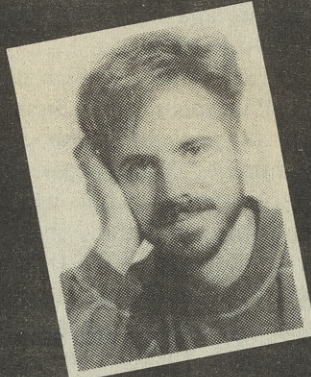
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Top 10 Video Picks

by Chris Gerald

With the holidays over and the budget busted, here is a list of my favorite videos. I'll let you guess my favorite decade for the movies. . .

Alien (1979) - Investigating a distress signal on the voyage home, a spaceship unknowingly picks up a less than receptive alien creature. Not for the squeamish. Tom Skerritt, Sigourney Weaver and Yaphet Kotto are excellent but the real stars are the special effects.

Casey's Shadow (1978) - Walter Matthau stars as a cantankerous horse trainer

coping with raising three sons (including Andrew Rubin) alone. Humor filled with a lot of heart is a credit to director Martin Ritt.

The Conversation (1974) - Francis Ford Coppola's excellent film raises harrowing questions about the right to privacy. Gene Hackman is ideal as the agent who becomes emotionally involved with the surveillance case he's working on. A perfect reflection of the times.

Harold and Maude (1972) - Harold (Bud Cort) is eighteen and obsessed with dying. Maude (Ruth Gordon) is eighty and obsessed with living. Their unlikely yet loving relationship teaches them both about freedom. My all time favorite movie.

The Man Who Would Be King (1975) - Sean Connery and Michael Caine in the Rudyard Kipling tale of two soldiers who try to trick a group of remote villagers into believing Connery is a god - to get their riches. Directed by John Houston, how can it not be high adventure?

Marnie (1964) - Many layers are woven into this tale of a thief (Tippi Hedren) caught by and caught up with her boss (Sean Connery) who also has a double role of his own - trying to find the source of her addiction to crime. My

favorite Hitchcock film.

M*A*S*H (1970) - You've seen the TV show, now see the original. Director Robert Altman follows the shenanigans of a medical unit during the Korean War. Cast members of this comedy noire include Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould, Tom Skerritt, Robert Duvall and Sally Kellerman as Hot Lips.

My Brilliant Career (1979) - Based on a true story, Judy Davis shines as an independent young woman determined to pursue a career in Australia at the turn of the century. Gillian Armstrong's direction is flawless. Also starring the wonderful Sam Neill.

My Life As A Dog (Swedish, 1985) - A heartwarming coming-of-age story about a 12-year-old who is sent to stay with relatives when his mother is taken ill. Easy to relate to in any language, the Swedish version with English subtitles is best.

Shane (1953) - Working on multiple levels this heartfelt classic is perhaps the best Western ever made. Shane (Alan Ladd) is a gunfighter trying to put his past behind him as he's forced to defend a family of homesteaders (Van Heflin, Jean Arthur and Brandon de Wilde) from bad guy Jack Palance.

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Girljock: Lust in the Dust

by Stacy Selmants

I rreverent, bawdy and done on the cheap, quarterly magazine *Girljock* is proof that the free speech movement will never die in Berkeley.

The editors and contributors definitely say what they feel, especially if it involves the memories of long ago locker rooms or surreptitious glimpses of women's thighs.

Seen by some as an ever-evolving private joke, *Girljock* was started as a spontaneous outgrowth of a informal group of women who had a "cartoon club" where they shared and critiqued their own cartoons.

According to "Roxie the sleepless" --the "editrix" who is the founder and publisher of the part comic book/part humor anthology -- it just grew to be a quarterly that is largely self-supporting "through the kindness of several giants."

Recent issues of "Girljock: The Magazine for the Athletic Lesbian With a Political Consciousness," have featured such burning issues as the Myth of the Long Haired Lesbian, Femme Jock True Confessions and The Unrepentant Confessions of a Baton Twirler. Fashion advice (to achieve that "queer fashion" look) as well as lesbian softball etiquette tips (someone has to actually watch the game, to brief the others) are also in-



cluded.

When not laboring at a "more mundane, very regular job," Roxie plays soccer, writes, and cartoons. She has been cartooning "for years" and has appeared in alternative publications such as Real Girl, Sphere, Matrix and Holy Tit Clamps, and A Taste Of Latex ("a polysexual smorgasbord") among others. Her mag-

azine is reaching a wider audience through a national distribution service and now appears in bookstores all over the country, including Seattle and New York City. The distributor is on the brink of negotiating a deal to get *Girljock* placed in a number of more upscale bookstore.

"That's my favorite part about this. We want the straight people to see this goofy thing. I mean the idea of *Girljock* being displayed at f--king Barnes and Noble (a large chain in the East) is so incredible."

"We first started this 'zine because I asked my cartoon club to do some sports cartoons. Nobody wanted to do it, 'cause of the 'we're not into sports, we're artists', kind of idea," Roxie explained. "But it just grew, and now we've resolved that...terrible sports/art conflict. And we want to promote more female messages out there. We want to make butchness into a party."

The next issue is due in January of 1992. Subscriptions are \$12 for four issues, and can be ordered by writing *Girljock*, at 2060 Third Street, Berkeley, 94710.



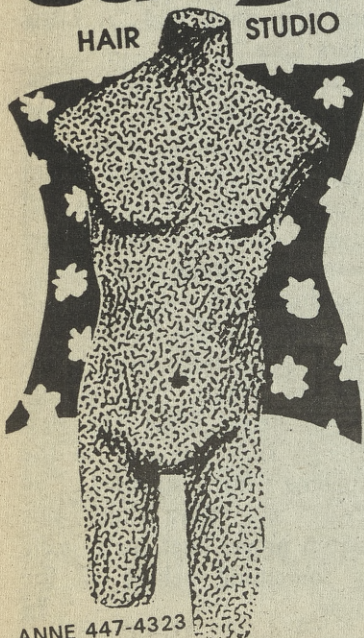
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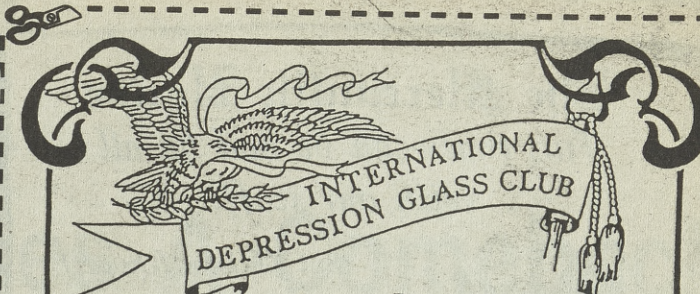
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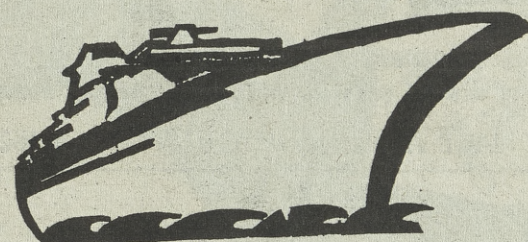
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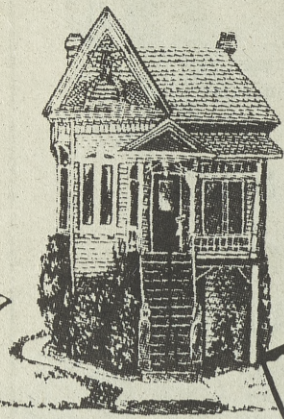
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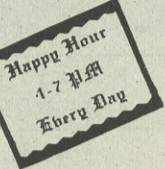
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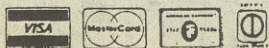
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Real Love and U2's Baby

by Bill Peterson

Two current tribute albums -- "Two Rooms: Celebrating the songs of Elton John and Bernie Taupin" and "I'm Your Fan: The songs of Leonard Cohen" -- each end up being difficult "all the way through" listens for opposite reasons.

"Two Rooms," which features mainstream pop artists such as Wilson Phillips, Rod Stewart, and Phil Collins--though varied--suffers from some uninspired interpretations. "I'm Your Fan"--which features such alternative staples as The Pixies, Lloyd Cole and John Cale--sticks in one dreary guitar-oriented modern

rock rut. As is often the case with multi-artist compilations--like 1990's "Red Hot and Blue"--satisfaction level is closely related to how many of the featured artists the listener likes or dislikes.

"Two Rooms" has several standouts: Sinéad O'Connor's quietly moving rendition of "Sacrifice" and Oleta Adams'



Lisa Stansfield.

the 17 pale boys singing the 18 songs.

A welcome respite from the pasty barfly pallor of "I'm Your Fan" can be found in "Real Love," the succulent second album by Lisa Stansfield. Updating 1970's soul/disco with a 1990's twist and a decadently rich voice, Stansfield is a refreshing, but familiar sounding alternative to the bland, touch-all-bases histrionic pop of Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston.

Whereas Carey's hit "Emotions" replicated note-for-note the bass line of a 1970's song, Stansfield uses the basic sound of the era to personalize it and give it meaning. "Real Love" slows down the beat from Stansfield's debut "Affection" but leaves in its wake more memorable tunes. In a perfect world, this album would be a megahit with such should-be-classics as "All Woman," the breathy lust of "Time To Make You Mine," and the hook-filled "A Little More Love."

And just when you thought I was done gushing... "Achtung Baby," the latest from U2--which you've probably heard plenty about already--is all true! After the posing and pomp of "Rattle and Hum," the Irish lads return with a winning disc that sticks in the mind after only one listen. Ranging from the grungy "Even Better Than The Real Thing" and "The Fly" to the sublime but subdued "So Cruel" and "Ultra Violet" this album proves that there really is something behind all the hype.



U2's Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen from the cd, "Achtung Baby."



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stunning take on "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me". But these fine tracks--and others by George Michael, Kate Bush and Sting--are overwhelmed by the lackluster songs of The Who and The Beach Boys. Hall & Oates does a disappointingly limp version of "Philadelphia Freedom."

Some variety would have added to "I'm Your Fan." Indeed, the songs by Cohen are well-crafted, but there are no particularly stirring renditions on this collection. R.E.M., That Petrol Emotion and The Lilac Time all do fine jobs as do many of the others. A few female vocalists (Tanita Tinkaram and Kim Carnes could both work wonders with these songs) would help break up the blurring monotony of

off THE EDGE

Retro Butch / Femme Makes A Comeback

by Stacy Selmants

While many may feel that the concept is impossibly retro -- after decades of mandatory androgyny -- the butch/femme thing seems to be making a comeback.

Gay men appear to have an easier time of sorting out their identities since they can always rely upon the classic definition of "tops vs. bottoms." But due to health fears, even that easy assumption is waning, as more single men's sexual interactions are reportedly comprised of holding hands and singing "Kumbaya" in unison while gazing at a copy of "Blueboy."

But we lesbians (attention male separatists: this column will probably involve all kinds of female stuff, like bosoms and vulvas and army boots) have a tougher time deciding our roles. And to make it even MORE puzzling, lots of the femme women like other femme women, and there is a parallel "crisis" occurring with butch bonding. What's a girl to do?

Most of us have our own one to ten point scale firmly entrenched in our minds, determining where we live on the butch/femme axis. And many of us just muddle along in the middle.

I have been publicly hooted at due to my charming inability to safely operate anything with the name "Craftsman" on the handle.

Still stroking the scars from this previous butch ridicule, I felt it necessary to powerlift office furniture off the truck during our recent move to the new office. This manly display provoked surprise and awe from my co-movers (I'll give you tips later, Kevin) and proved to be a superb showcase for my hidden upper body strength.

But it was an unfortunate (and unnecessary) case of Butch Compensation Syndrome (BCS). The same thing sometimes happens on New Year's Eve, when frighteningly burly women occasionally feel compelled to don strapless prom dresses and pumps, while humming "I Feel Pretty." This trend is due, instead, to "Dynasty"

Lust (DL). Some cautious advice: if a towering drag queen looks more natural in a dress than you do-- don't do it.

For those of you who are unsure, quivering somewhere in the middle, we have thoughtfully provided some Off the Edge Role Parameters, to help you decide who and what you are (or aren't).

You are definitely butch if you:

- 1) Lusted after Cagney (the blonde one) and not Lacey;
- 2) Feel that your prowess at pool is a core to your identity, and you stroke your stick with a kind of foolish longing;
- 3) Win all the burping contests you've ever entered;
- 4) Will actually get into a spirited fistfight with four women who maligned the paint job on your pickup;
- 5) Believe that Jaegermeister is one of the four food groups.

You are definitely femme if you:

- 1) Lusted after Cagney, but primarily because you liked the way she did her hair;
- 2) Believe that your prowess with Suzanne Somers' Thighmaster is the core to your identity, because you may not have been born with great legs but now you can get them;
- 3) Don't enter burping contests, because wine coolers settle


better;

4) Will only take on four women in a verbal battle, and will use polysyllabic putdowns they

won't understand;

5) Believe that SlimFast is one of the four food groups.

And as a final note, to end that

eternal, burning question of who leads in a slow dance, we have only one response. Who's taller? 

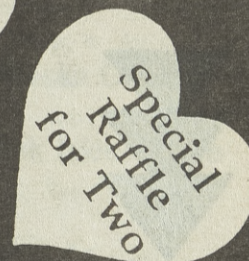
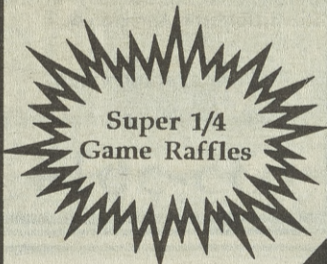


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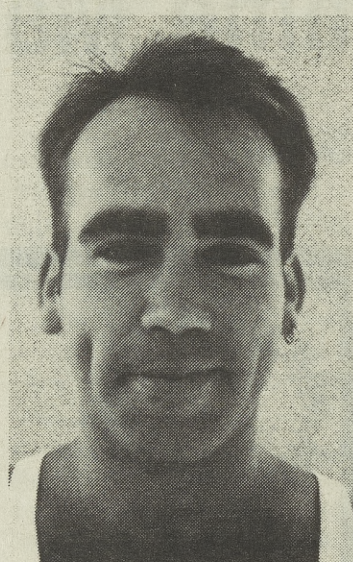
Karen Smith

I like that I finally had the courage to come out to my brothers shortly after my 40th birthday. I like that I can be open about spending the rest of my life with my wonderful partner, Jackie.



Jackie Mahone

I like my tenacity, my ability to get things done, when I really want to accomplish something and I'm determined, I do it!



Scott Yngsdal

I am work oriented, I have a good job and I am really grateful for that. I am good at my job, I feel good about that.



Elaine Brister

My individuality, my sense of humor, I'm special, I am lovable and capable!



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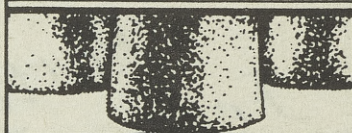


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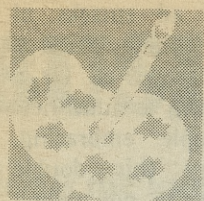
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Old Favorites, New Spaces Make Art Scene

by D. Oldham

1991 was the year of changes in the Sacramento art community: expansions, relocations and several new art spaces.

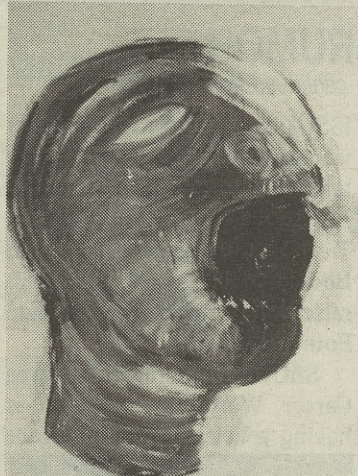
Expansion has been each new year's resolution for gallery owner Michael Himovitz. His 1991 San Francisco gallery the Spectrum/Himovitz began this year with a knockout show by Sacramento artists Anne Gregory, Mirium Davis and Michael LeCompte. The exhibit also featured some strong paintings in a new direction from Kate Monson.

Himovitz expanded again in 1992 with the new Babb/Himovitz Gallery in Cambria, just a few miles from the famous Hearst Castle. This new space includes more than 1,000 square feet of viewing room and will open with a group exhibit on January 25. The Babb/Himovitz opened in conjunction with artist Fred Babb's "What is Art Gallery." For more information, call (916) 448-8723.

Lite Rail Gallery celebrated the new year in a new location 912 12th Street. Owner Michael Xepoleas also plans to include food in a cafe type setting. The first exhibit will feature work by Asian women artists and will run through February. You can reach Lite Rail Gallery at (916) 441-1013.

One of the best secrets in town is Gallery W on the corner of 9th and W Streets, downtown. The rich tile floors and the ample lighting make it one of Sacramento's most attractive spaces.

The gallery starts off 1992 with a reception January 17 for the "Warehouse Portraits" by Dan Callis. Callis captures the subtle beauty of the disabled community with talent and accuracy. If this first show is a sample of what's to come, Gallery W is a good bet.



Kate Monson - Stuffed Head Series #3.

Hours vary, call the gallery at (916) 444-5125 for info.

The Center for Contemporary Art—which opened its doors this past year with the highly acclaimed "America" exhibition—caused a welcomed stir in the Sacramento art community. The enthusiasm continues with the current exhibit of Vernon Fisher's show, "Hills Like White Elephants."

The privately funded art museum features work by local and national artists as well as traveling exhibitions. It is open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. The extra hour makes it a great after-work art stop. Call the Center at (916) 488-6269.

Sacramento's perennial favorites include the Crocker Art Museum's Kingsley exhibition, Judith Weintraub Gallery's "Influences" and Matrix Gallery's annual international

art competition.

Henry Hopkins of the U.C.L.A. Art Gallery will be

selecting the work for this year's 67th Crocker-Kingsley exhibit. The public is invited to a reception for the participating artists on April 24, 7:00 p.m. in the Ball Room. Call (916) 264-5423.

Another exciting annual event, Weintraub Gallery's "Influences" features art by well known artists and their students. For more information call (916) 442-3360.

Matrix International also is an annual event, drawing artists worldwide for its exhibit at the gallery and its satellites in the Sacramento area. For more information, call Matrix Gallery at (916) 441-4818.

These galleries hold regular opening receptions usually on Friday or Saturday nights. They are staffed by helpful people that are happy to answer questions. Many galleries offer assistance in selecting artwork for your home or business—and most have payment plans. If you ask to be added to the gallery mailing list you will be able to keep up with the ever changing shows which will help make 1992 the year to enjoy Sacramento's art scene!

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strength. By depicting various age groups and several ethnic ones, the ad shows the truth that lesbians and gays are everyone's family and friends -- even if not everyone knows it.

Nearly two million of the magazine feature the ad. Organizers feel their money was well spent since "People" reaches a cross section of the population that isn't usually gay aware. The ad was paid

for by individual contributions and a grant from the Chicago Resource Center. Everything else -- photographs, graphics and placement -- was done "basically pro-bono," said Catherine Coker, founder of the Awareness Project.

Readers can request a free brochure on homophobia or donate funds by means of a tear-off coupon at the bottom of the ad. Organizers hope for as many as 50,000 responses, and the Awareness Project has already been in contact with the national talk show


circuit as a result of their efforts.

While "People" was given high marks for gay sensitivity by supporters of the "Guess What?" ad, it also came under fire for rejecting a safe sex ad. The public service announcement -- deemed to risque for a "family oriented" magazine -- showed two topless couples embracing -- one homosexual and one heterosexual.

The controversial ad headlined "Sex is Good," contained print imposed over a black-and-white photograph -- urg-

ing individuals to be tested for the AIDS virus. Spokes-people for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation -- which sponsored the campaign -- think advertisers must loosen their policies regarding such ads. They maintain that AIDS warrants a strong message to attract attention.

Some gay activists also feel "People's" decision not to run

the safe sex ad smacks of homophobia. They offered a copy of a "People" ad for a cologne showing a nude heterosexual couple embracing. Activists decry this double standard. "We're not selling beer, we're trying to save lives," said Pat Christen, executive director of the S.F. AIDS Foundation. 

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SACWN (Sacramento Area Career Women's Network) is having a Valentine's Day Dance

on Feb. 15. Take your sweetheart out and tell her you love her while you dance the night away.

One woman we would like to tell we love her is Mayor Anne Rudin. Sorry to hear that Mayor Rudin is giving up the job in November, but can you imagine going to every drag show you're invited to? I can't imagine Joe Serna feeling comfortable in the same situation. I guess we may find out soon. 

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